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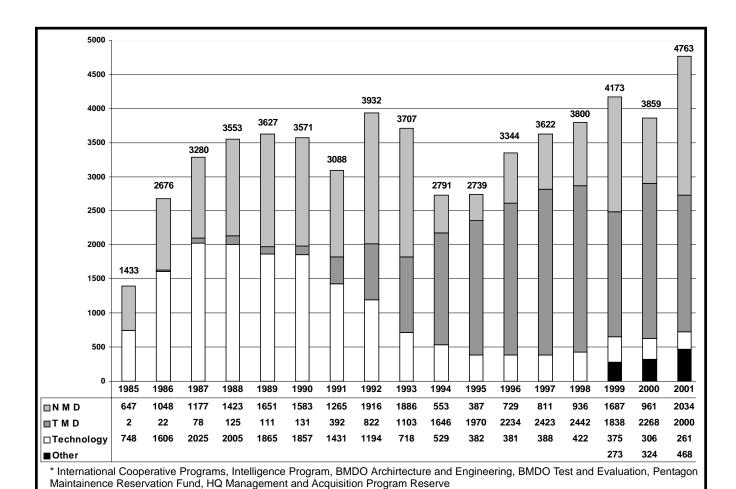
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## BUDGETARY HISTORY OF THE BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE ORGANIZATION

#### Introduction

The Ballistic Missile Defense Organization (BMDO) was originally created as the Strategic Defense Initiative Organization (SDIO) in April 1984. SDIO was devoted to developing technologies for strategic defense against inter-continental ballistic missiles (ICBM's). Those technologies have since been incorporated into a variety of ballistic missile defense (BMD) programs. Throughout the organization's history, its budget has been structured to respond to existing and emerging threats from missile warfare towards the United States, and its forward deployed forces, allies, and friends around the world.

#### **BMDO HISTORICAL FUNDING**



#### PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

At its inception, the Strategic Defense Initiative, Ronald Reagan's vision of BMD using space- and ground-based interceptors, needed tremendous amounts of research to become a reality. In the early years, SDIO was not concerned with actually procuring programs. Rather SDIO worked to develop the necessary technologies for BMD through resupport technology programs such as Surveillance, Acquisition, Tracking, and Kill Assessment (SATKA), Directed Energy Weapons (DEW) Technolgy. the technology matured, SDIO and its successor, BMDO, incoporated developed concepts into actual Theater and National Missile Defense Programs.

### SDIO: GLOBAL PROTECTION AGAINST LIMITED STRIKES

In 1991, the focus for ballistic missile defense changed to Global Protection Against Limited Strikes (GPALS). This change in focus led to a restructuring of the SDIO budget to reflect the changed priorities. The U.S. was no longer concerned with blunting a massive ICBM attack by the Soviet Union. Instead, efforts focused on destroying a limited missile strike launched by a rogue state or non-state actor. This meant that the efforts of SDIO toward TMD could be increased, although attention was maintained towards NMD as well. The programs of the original SDIO era were reorganized into the categories in the chart at above right. Space Based Interceptors included funding for systems development of Brilliant Pebbles. Other Follow-on Systems included directed energy weapons such as the Chemical Laser.

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#### SDIO: RDT&E PROGRAMS

Prior to 1992, the programs overseen by SDIO were devoted to developing the technologies necessary for missile defense. SATKA programs pursued signal processing, ground and space-based sensors and surveillance systems, and microwave radar technology. DEW programs included various laser programs and neutral particle beam technology. KEW programs included Brilliant Pebbles, Space-based Interceptor, and interceptor integration technology. Systems Analysis/Battle Management (SA/BM) programs were concerned with systems engineering, operational support costs and command facilities. Survivability, Lethality, and Key Support Technologies (SLKT) involved countermeasures integration, lethality and target hardening, and new concepts development.

SDIO: RDT&E Programs								
PROGRAM	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1991</u>	
SATKA	546	844	926	936	1083	1238	719	
DEW	378	796	853	935	869	695	351	
KEW	256	596	723	771	752	785	996	
SA/BM	100	212	385	461	486	525	504	
SLKT	108	214	375	430	414	328	292	
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(In Millions of Then Year Dollars)								

#### **BMDO: RDT&E PROGRAMS**

The BMDO's current strategy is to focus on three key priorities:

• Develop and, when authorized, proceed with deployment of a National Missile Defense (NMD) system to protect all fifty states against limited

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ballistic missile attack. On September 1, 2000 former President Clinton deferred deployment and directed that a robust test and development program be implemented. The direction of the program will be revised in accordance with guidance from the new Administration;

- Develop and deploy effective, interoperable, relocatable Theater Missile Defenses (TMD) to protect United States, allied, and friendly forces and interests in regional theaters of operations. As programs offering the lowest risk and earliest deployment opportunities, Lower-Tier TMD systems, PAC-3 and Navy Area, are on track to be fielded in the near term, FY 01 and FY 03 respectively. Development and fielding of the land-based Theater High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) system and sea-based Navy Theater Wide (NTW) sea-based system will increase increases the battle space and area covered, and negates WMD at greater distances from the intended target; and;
- Provide technological, engineering, and testing means to monitor, assess, and respond to the ever-changing ballistic missile threat.